

Empire, he has been honored by the California Medical Association Foundation with the Robert D. Sparks, M.D. Leadership Award.

The Robert D. Sparks, M.D. Leadership Award recognizes individuals or organizations for outstanding community health achievements. Dr. Levister's accomplishments have not only met this criterion, but led to programs and policy that will continue to facilitate medical advances for years to come.

For the past 30 years, Dr. Levister has used his expertise to educate others, empowering his community with knowledge. He has been honored for addressing the medical concerns and questions of the Inland Empire's African-American community through his "Our Bodies" column in the Black Voice News since 1986. His founding role in the Technology Access Partnership Foundation, a foundation that endeavors to increase accessibility to informational technologies, is also testament to his commitment to ensuring that traditionally underrepresented groups have the tools they need to live happy, healthy lives.

As president of the J.W. Vines Medical Society from 1994 to 2001, Dr. Levister strove to make educational opportunities available to students of all backgrounds, encourage African Americans' entrance into and continued progress in the medical field, and improve overall patient care. He is a cofounder of the Vines Foundation, which works to create educational opportunities for African-American students pursuing health and science-related careers.

Dr. Levister is credited as a major influence in changes that the University of California, Riverside made to its Bio Medical Science Program, which now offers more opportunities to disadvantaged students and pre-med faculty positions to those who are traditionally underrepresented. Other recognitions include the Silver Scalpel Award from the California Society of Industrial Medicine and Surgery for his work to protect the rights of injured workers and their physicians, the 2000 Black Rose and Humanitarian of the Year Award given to Dr. and Mrs. Levister for their service to their community, and the San Bernardino County Medical Society's 2003 Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community.

Dr. Levister's fine leadership has paved the way for the continued propagation of a diverse medical community to address the complex and varied health care needs of the Inland Empire Community. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Dr. Levister on his receipt of the prestigious Robert D. Sparks Leadership Award.●

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

HONORING SHARON STROSCHIN, 2003 WINNER OF THE ATHENA AWARD

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly recognize and honor Sharon Stroschein of my Aberdeen, SD staff, who recently was presented with the Athena Award, an honor that is co-sponsored by the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce and Johnsons Motors of Aberdeen.

The Athena Award is annually presented to an individual who actively assists women in realizing their full leadership potential. The individual must demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession. The individual provides a valuable service by contributing time and energy toward improving the quality of life for others in the community.

I know first hand that Sharon has done a great deal to improve northeastern South Dakota. She is a tremendously talented woman with a great deal of energy and ambition.

Sharon is not only a great friend, she is also the northeast area director for my State office in Aberdeen. She has earned the respect and admiration of all those who have had the opportunity to work with her. Her passion and love for her work have improved the lives of countless South Dakotans.

Sharon's friendly demeanor and wealth of knowledge have helped her develop close relationships with her colleagues and with community leaders throughout our State. This friendly attitude has led to numerous elected posts and honors. Among those, she was elected South Dakota's National Committeewoman to the Democratic National Committee. She was also the McGovern Grassroots Award recipient, and Woman of the Year by the South Dakota Federation of Democratic Women.

I congratulate Sharon Stroschein for being selected to receive this prestigious award. It is with great honor that I share her impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

CONGRATULATING MRS. CORNELIA McREYNOLDS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to congratulate Mrs. Cornelia McReynolds of Pembroke, KY, for receiving the Modernette Civic Club's Woman of the Year Award.

Mrs. McReynolds is best known in the Hopkinsville community as a devoted mother of seven children. But her influence stretches far beyond the boundaries of her home and her family.

She is an active member of the Eastern Star and helped to organize the Community Choir of Hopkinsville. She is also director of the junior choir and president of the usher board at the St. Bethlehem Baptist Church. The children of the church are so fond of Mrs. McReynolds, they call her "Granny."

Six of her seven children were with her when she received the award at the

Modernette Club's 10th annual African-American Heritage Breakfast. They traveled from as far away as Chicago and Florida to be with their mother—and of course her seventh child called by cell phone from Florida after she received the award. Even her seven-month-old great granddaughter attended the Saturday morning breakfast in her honor at the Pioneer Memorial Complex. It was family dedication like this and her amazing work in the community that likely prompted this special award.

Congratulations again, Mrs. McReynolds, on receiving the 2004 Modernette Civil Club's Woman of the Year award. You are truly an inspiration for all of us throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.●

SALUTE TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY FALCONS BASKETBALL TEAM

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise to salute the U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons basketball team. It gives me a great deal of pleasure as a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors to congratulate the high flying Air Force Academy men's basketball team on winning the 2003-2004 regular season Mountain West Conference Basketball Championship.

On March 1, the Falcons clinched the championship with a 61-49 victory over San Diego State University. This is the first conference championship the Air Force Academy has achieved in basketball. Their improbable championship is even more impressive when you realize that this is the first winning basketball season at the Air Force Academy since the 1977-1978 season.

Coach Joe Scott, my candidate for coach of the year, has done an incredible job guiding his team to upset victories over the University of California, Brigham Young University and two victories against the University of Utah on the way to an overall 21-5 record.

I wish them well in the coming weeks as they represent my home State and the Air Force in the upcoming NCAA tournament. If my colleagues are looking for a real-life Cinderella story in this year's basketball tournament, I have found one in Colorado Springs, CO: the U.S. Air Force Academy.●

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF CONGREGATION SHERITH ISRAEL'S HISTORIC SANCTUARY BUILDING

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Congregation Sherith Israel's historic sanctuary building in the City of San Francisco in my home State of California.

Congregation Sherith Israel, established in 1849, is one of the oldest Reform congregations in the West. Reform Judaism spread throughout North America more than 130 years ago and is